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Governor Huntsman Names New Cabinet Members

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., today announced his new cabinet members. The announcement follows an intense 40-day evaluation by the transition committees.

Governor Huntsman created a transition team of more than 110 people, divided into 18 working groups, which conducted the evaluations. Transition Team Director Greg Hopkins says the teams followed a very definite process. “There was great consistency in the process. The teams focused their evaluations in three key areas: personnel, priorities, and efficiencies.”

The recommendations were submitted to Governor Huntsman, who made the final cabinet decisions. “I have great confidence in the process. The teams put in long hours to complete their work. Their recommendations were sound and the information was sufficient for me to build a strong team on.”

Cabinet Members

Administrative Services

Executive Director D’Arcy Dixon Pignanelli
Replacing Camille Anthony

Agriculture

Commissioner Leonard Blackham
Replacing Cary Peterson

Commerce

Executive Director Russell Skousen
Replacing Klarice Bachman

Community and Economic Development

Executive Director Sylvia Haro (Community & Arts)
Replacing David Harmer

Corrections

Executive Director Scott Carver
Previous Interim Director

Environmental Quality

Executive Director Dianne Nielson
Continuing

Financial Institutions

Commissioner Edward Leary
Continuing

Health

Executive Director Dr. David Sundwall
Replacing Dr. Scott Williams

Human Resources

Executive Director Jeff Herring
Previous Interim Director

Human Services

Acting Executive Director Ron Stromberg
Replacing Robin Williams

Insurance

Commissioner Kent Michie
Replacing Merwin Stewart

National Guard

General Tarbet
Continuing

Natural Resources

Executive Director Mike Styler
Replacing Robert Morgan

Public Safety

Commissioner Robert Flowers
Continuing

Transportation

Executive Director Jon Njord
Continuing

Workforce Services

Acting Executive Director John Nixon
Replacing Raylene Ireland